Livestock Slaughter - 2005

Red meat production for the United States totaled 45.8 billion pounds in 2005, slightly higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 45.7 billion pounds. On farm production totaled 135 million pounds.

There were 807 slaughtering plants under federal inspection on January 1, 2006, compared with 827 last year.

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Species	Wisconsin	Change from 2004	U.S.	Change from 2004
	1,000 hd	Percent	1,000 hd	Percent
Cattle, all	1,439.1 122.0	-1 +1	32,387.4 734.4	-1 -13
Hogs, all	513.2	-9	103,581.5	n.c.
Sheep and lambs	10.5	-12	2,697.8	-5

1/Excludes farm slaughter. Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.